

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 and 11 have been amended as indicated. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, e.g., Page 9, lines 6-7, and Page 12, line 15-27. Support for new claim 34 can be found on Page 6, line 32; for Claim 35, on Page 14, lines 1-3; Page 6, lines 25-32.

Withdrawal of the restriction is requested. All the claims in the application involve related subject matter, e.g., a Nesslerial surface protein A (NspA) polypeptides. A search would therefore comprise overlapping subject matter, and it would not be an undue burden on the examiner to carry out a search. "If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct invention." (Emphasis added.) M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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